Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Energy efficiency saves money and natural resources used to produce energy while cutting air pollution and greenhouse gases; and,

Whereas, The nation's governors are committed to maintaining affordable energy resources and a clean environment for their citizens; and,

Whereas, All citizens of South Dakota have the opportunity to easily become more energy efficient by replacing regular incandescent light bulbs in their homes and workplaces with fixtures and compact fluorescent light bulbs that carry the government's ENERGY STAR label; and,

Whereas, The ENERGY STAR label designates products that meet strict energy efficiency criteria set by the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and are supported by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and,

Whereas, If every home in South Dakota replaced just one standard light bulb with an ENERGY STAR labeled bulb, state energy usage would be cut by 15 million kilowatt-hours, which is enough to light all the households in Pierre for 480 days; and,

Whereas, Cutting 15 million kilowatt-hours would save South Dakotans $1.1 million in electrical bills while saving 5,600 tons of coal from being burned that would have released 24 million pounds of carbon dioxide into the air; and,

Whereas, These types of energy efficiencies and environmental benefits make sense:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 4, 2006, as

CHANGE A LIGHT DAY

in South Dakota, and encourage all citizens to commemorate this day by replacing at least one regular incandescent light bulb in their homes and workplaces with fixtures and compact fluorescent light bulbs that carry the ENERGY STAR label.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State